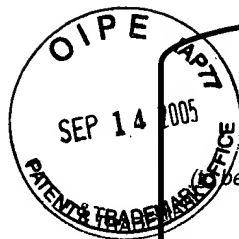


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Group Art Unit	2633
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## ENCLOSURES (check all that apply)

- ☐ Fee Transmittal Form
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- ☐ Response to Missing Parts/Incomplete Application
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- ☐ Letter to the Official Draftsperson and \_\_\_\_\_ Sheets of Formal Drawing(s)
- ☐ Licensing-related Papers
- ☐ Petition
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- ☐ Terminal Disclaimer
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- ☐ After Allowance Communication to Group
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- ☐ Status Letter
- ☐ Other Enclosure(s) (please identify below):

Remarks

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT

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Group Art Unit: 2661

Examiner: Steven Blount

Title: MINIMUM CONTENTION, DISTRIBUTED WAVELENGTH  
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of the Office Action dated June 14, 2005 ("Office Action") and respond as follows.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.